

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, directly following the title, with the following amended paragraph:

Cross-reference to Related Applications

U.S. Application No. 10/726,296, filed December 2, 2003 and entitled "Updating and Maintaining Data in a Multi-System Network Using Asynchronous Message Transfer," and U.S. Application No. 10/858,221, filed June 1, 2004 and entitled "Updating Data in a Multi-System Network that Utilizes Asynchronous Message Transfer," are related applications to the present application.